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Tribal leaders explore future at planning session

By Gloria Trotter

The future of the Potawatomi Tribe was painted "on a broad canvas" by tribal leaders at a planning meeting Nov. 17 and 18.

Four members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's Business Committee — Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Hilton Melot and Jerry Motley — along with Administrator J.D. Colbert and Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale spent Friday evening and all day Saturday at the Marriott in Oklahoma City exploring long range goals.

Lon Doolin of Business Resources was the facilitator for the session, leading the tribal officials through the process. "We started with stating our individual expectations for the planning meeting," Colbert said. The rest of the meeting, he said, fell in two basic areas: reaching a consensus on the direction the tribe should take and setting certain informal long-range goals.

"We addressed six general areas," Colbert said. "They included tribal strengths, weaknesses, problems,



Left To Right: Committeeman J.P. Motley, Administrator J.D. Colbert, Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Committeeman Hilton Melot, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale

opportunities, threats and trends. Then we enumerated some specifics under those general headings." The administrator said that "essentially we looked

at what we do well and where we need to improve."

Among the threats the leaders discussed are possible Congressional

action which could affect sovereignty or funding.

"The general consensus in looking at

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Tribe to be asked to extend scholarships, approve name change

By Wayne Trotter

Citizen Band Potawatomi members will be asked in a secretarial election to change the name of the tribe and extend scholarship benefits to a new generation.

The election will be conducted by absentee ballot under the auspices of a special three-person commission.

Those were among the decisions made at a Nov. 27 business committee meeting where tribal leaders also discussed finding better ways to finance the new burial plan and clari-

Business Committee also discusses ways to finance new burial program and confirms that Sept. 1, 1995, was the starting date for that \$1,000 benefit

fied exactly when that program began. Relying on previously published statements in the *HowNikan* and on its own resolutions, the Business Committee set Sept. 1, 1995, as the starting date for the \$1,000 burial benefit.

Ed Herndon, director of Bureau of

Indian Affairs (BIA) programs for the tribe, told the committee that a resolution to change the scholarship guidelines has been approved by the bureau and is ready to be submitted to the tribe in a secretarial election. The question will go on the ballot along with a

proposal to change the official name of the tribe from "Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma" to the "Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

Herndon explained that existing scholarship guidelines limit distribution of set-aside money to tribal members who were born before 1961 — meaning most college age students are no longer eligible. He said it will take a secretarial election to change the guidelines.

Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis said
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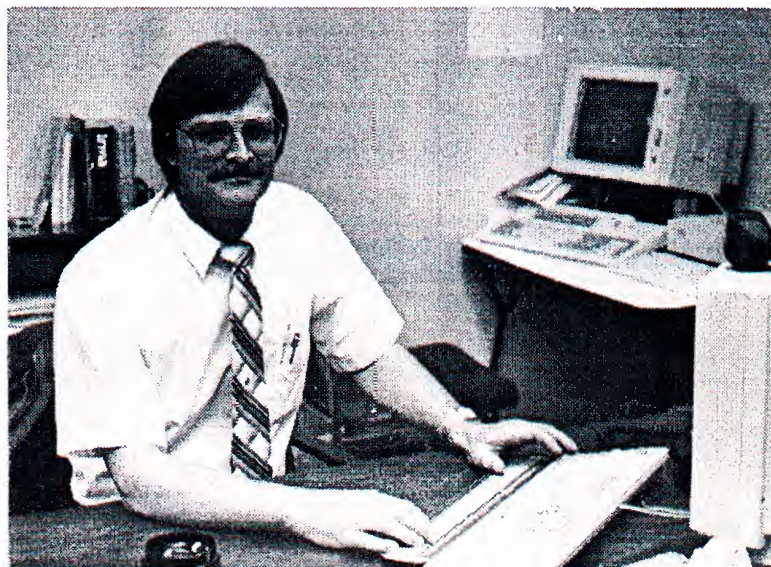
New employee quickly bringing tribe 'on line'

The Internet is only a few months away for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, according to a new employee who is quickly putting the tribal headquarters "on line."

Luther "Buck" Wynne, a career computer expert who came to work for the tribe just a few weeks ago, has already made giant steps toward his goal of updating computer equipment and "connecting" tribal offices with each other and with tribal members throughout the world.

Wynne, 39, has worked with computers for more than 20 years and describes himself as a systems analyst who specializes in hardware. Married 21 years, he has a 20-year-old daughter. He lives in Newalla.

His varied background includes four years spent in Europe working for the military at high security sites. "We



Buck Wynne

planned the missions for the Cruise missiles," he said.

Although perhaps not as glamorous, his mission at the tribe is also important. "I am to automate the enterprises and

tribal organizations, and guide and advise them on the Internet, publishing and visibility," he said. "We want to provide more services to tribal members in a more rapid

manner."

Wynne said his goal is a computer network for local enterprises and tribal offices which will allow them "data interchange and e-mail communication." He has been working closely with accounting and other departments to determine system needs as well as helping out in other ways. "I also have telephone responsibilities and will help analyze future equipment purchases."

He is looking at a Windows-based network and a new accounting package that will "accommodate retail operations as much as possible electronically." Currently, the tribal convenience stores have fairly sophisticated systems which include bar code scanning and inventory control, but there is no way to communicate with the accounting office or each other. None of the tribal offices

or enterprises can communicate by computer at this point.

Other exciting technology is also falling into place with Wynne's help. "We're already digitizing tribal rolls," he said. "Ultimately, people will have access to those records electronically and will be able to tie in with other genealogical services."

Weaving data bases together, providing access to printers, scanners and other equipment over the Internet and many other exciting opportunities are also in the tribe's future, Wynne said.

The basic upgrades — the new hardware and the Internet connection — should be only weeks away, soon after the first of the year, he said. In the meantime, tribal members with ideas or questions may reach him through his on-line account at iambwynne@aol.com.

Forest Band Potawatomi begin publication of tribal newspaper

The Forest Band Potawatomi of Crandon, Wisconsin, have begun publication of a tribal newspaper, *Potawatomi Traveling Times*. The 16 page paper is

filed with Native American and Potawatomi news from Northern Wisconsin. The Forest County Potawatomi are owners of the Northern Lights

Carter, Wisconsin and the Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee. Both enterprises have provided funds for the tribe to sponsor many beneficial projects such as health

and wellness centers, tribal schools and the Native American K-12 School in Milwaukee. To obtain information write or call: Kim Wensaut, editor; Potawatomi Traveling

Times, P.O. Box 340, Crandon, WI 54520 or 714-478-7380.

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Walking on ...

Torrence Carole Hopkins

Torrence Carole Hopkins died in Norman, Oklahoma, on Friday, Sept. 1, 1995. The 77-year-old Mrs. Hopkins was a lifelong Norman resident.

Services were 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, at Primrose Chapel with the Rev. Mike Wade officiating. Burial was at IOOF Cemetery under the direction of Primrose Funeral Service.

The daughter of George and Lillian Moore, she was born July 14, 1918, in Norman. She graduated from Norman High School in 1936 and married Eugene Hopkins April 2, 1940, in Shawnee.

Mrs. Hopkins worked at Power's Children's Shop and Low's Fashion Apparels. She was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and a member of the McFarlin United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Gene Moore. Mrs. Hopkins is survived by two sons and their wives, Jerry and Kay Hopkins and Denny and Rose Marie Hopkins, all

of Norman; one daughter and her husband, Jan and Gary Zeigler of San Ramon, CA; two sisters, Marcie Power and Mackie Dickinson of Norman; one brother, Johnny Moore of San Antonio, TX; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Martha Louise Green

Martha Louise Green, 81, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away September 16, 1995, at her home. She was born March 4, 1914, at Berryton, Kansas, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Hartman Lynn.

Mrs. Green was graduated from Berryton High School and Strickler's Business College. She had lived in the Topeka and Berryton communities all of her life except for 5 years in Minnesota where she and her husband operated a resort.

A member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and a descendant of Louise Smith Hartman, Mrs. Green had worked at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Topeka State Hospital, and W.A.L.

Thompson Hardware before she retired from U.S.D. #501 where she was a cook for French Middle School.

She had been baptized in First Baptist Church of Topeka and had belonged to the United Methodist church. She was a member of Helena chapter #210, Order of the Eastern Star, and had served in various offices of the lodge.

She was married to Wilfred M. "Bill" Green on November 24, 1937, at Topeka. He survives of the home.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two brothers, Lewis Lynn of Berryton, Kansas, and Lester Lynn of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, 1995, at the Parker-Price Mortuary (Topeka) followed by Eastern Star services conducted by Helena Chapter #210, Order of the Eastern Star.

Interment was in Lynn Creek Cemetery on S.W. 61st Street, Berryton.

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New Graduate

Tribal member Christina Olivetti has completed four years at Eastern University Illinois, Charleston, IL, and graduated with honors on May 5, 1995. Christina is the great-granddaughter of Neomi (Brant) Kimes, granddaughter of Hanna B. (Mount, Brant) Dunne and daughter of Carol (Mount) Olivetti. She is now attending Chicago Institute of Ophthalmology in Chicago, Illinois. She wishes to thank Citizen Band Potawatomi for the financial support to make this possible.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

By the time November rolls around on the calendar, we begin thinking of Thanksgiving and all of the festive activities associated with this holiday. Have you stopped to think of the things you are thankful for?

My list includes thankfulness for the chance to experience the cool, crisp and frosty fall mornings, to gaze at the bright fall foliage colors on the trees, to watch the deer emerge from the woods at daybreak, to hear the geese as they “honk” their way south, and the list goes on!

At this time of year let me encourage you to write your list of thankfulness. When we review the list, we can easily be reminded how blessed each of us really are. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!

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New roller hockey craze has definite Potawatomi flavor

You'll see some familiar names in this feature story from the Oct. 12, 1995 issue of *The Shawnee News-Star*. One, of course, is Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, whose sons KC and Kit are also involved. One of the adult sponsors, Robert White, is the husband of Tribal Court Clerk Joie White, and their daughter Tara is one of the few girls participating. Also mentioned is Tony Morton, son of Tribal Convenience Store Director Marilyn Morton. The Mortons are also tribal members.

By April Wilkerson
The Shawnee News-Star

Some wear the sport's full regalia; others wear shorts, T-shirts and knee pads.

But all who come to the Saturday morning roller hockey games are there to have fun playing a sport that is sweeping the state.

A group of local youth gathers at the parking lot of Immanuel Baptist Church each Saturday morning to hone their roller blading and hockey skills. The combination of the two — roller hockey — is gaining popularity in this ice-forsaken part of the country.

The parking lot is bigger than a regulation rink, and it slopes a bit and has a few drainholes that sometimes cause problems, but it's the best place in town to play, the players said.

About 10-15 area young people from age 9 to 15 meet at the parking lot at 8 a.m. each Saturday. Their willingness to get up that early on weekends demonstrates their dedication.

After teams are picked, there's a quick face-off, and the game is under way. Rarely does anyone fall, as they skillfully weave the puck up and down the playing area.

There's some good-natured pestering, and high-fives are given with the ends of the sticks.

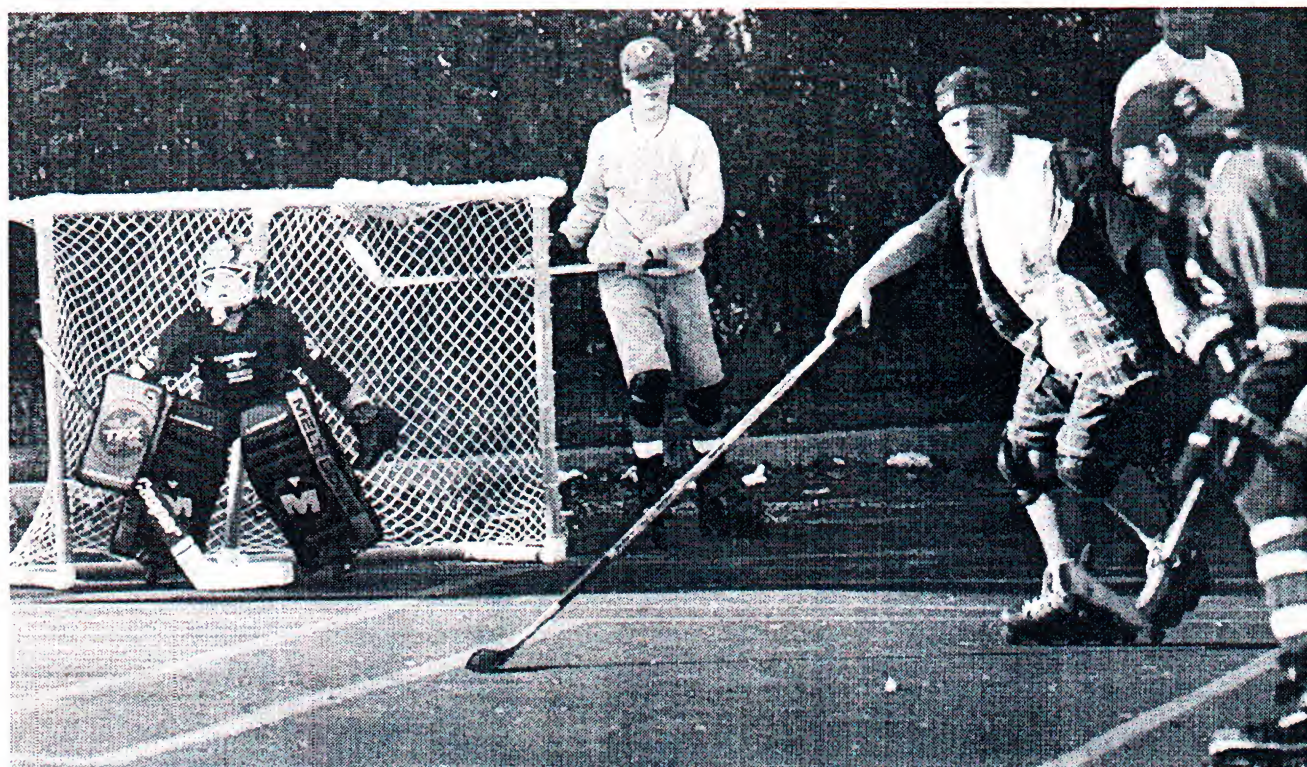
If anyone questions a play, adult sponsor Robert White reminds his teams: "There are no refs out here. There are no penalties."

And that's how it works. There are no egos, no bickering, no excessive contact. Just young people playing the game they're learning to love.

The tradition began several years ago when White and fellow team leader Bert Frichot bought roller blades and played hockey at the mall parking lots. This spring, they made the switch to the less-hectic church parking lot.

The youth have various levels of experience; a few used to play ice hockey. this summer, KC Colbert had the opportunity to practice with professional roller hockey team the Oklahoma City Coyotes. At the YMCA-sanctioned camp, select youth worked with Coyotes players.

Tony Morton, 15, has set a goal to be a member of the Chicago Wolves one day. Tony, who doesn't believe in wearing pads in roller hockey, used to play ice hockey. He prefers ice, he said, because the game is faster and requires more power and hits. It's also



Tara White, 11, Serves As Goalie During The Saturday Morning Roller Hockey Game. Center Back Is Clint Walkingstick, Then Billy White And Kit Colbert. (News-Star Photo By Eric Knoles)



Billy White, Left, And Kit Colbert, Right, Vie For Possession Of The Airborne Puck. Behind Is Aaron Morton (Center) And Matt Weger. (News-Star Photo By Eric Knoles)

easier to stop in ice hockey, Tony said.

KC's brother, Kit, wears his Rangers jersey and his cap backwards for serious playing. Kit and his family moved to Shawnee a year ago, and he and his brother got the hockey bug by hitting pucks in their driveway. The newness of the game in this part of the country is what attracts Kit.

"It's more or less a new game down here," he said. "I like being one of the first ones to do it."

KC and Kit's father, J.D. Colbert, also plays with the group. The Saturday morning games have not only been good workouts, he said, but have allowed the youth to make friends.

The enjoyment comes from the beat of the game, he said. "Hockey is constantly moving, and they also enjoy the contact end of it," he said.

But, hockey is not a cheap sport equipment-wise. To outfit a player properly, one can easily spend \$500, he said.

Colbert said he has seen much improvement in the players since they began.

"They're beginning to enjoy and understand professional ice hockey, and it gives them a chance to envision themselves as professional hockey players," he said.

Potawatomi Tribal Store

Your Tribal Store is ready for Christmas. The personnel at the shop are creating sumptuous baskets and shipping them around the world...just in time for special yule greetings.

Baskets are filled with tobacco products and accessories, fine gourmet coffee, and candy. This has put the shop on the map as the way to show tribal pride and Christmas spirit. All baskets are designed to share a distinctive Native American look and are labeled with the Firelake Tribal Store logo.

The management team has worked hard to purchase gifts from "around the world" to delight family and friends. Mexican vases, marble accessories, Southwestern candles, cigars, pipe tobacco, leather smoking accessories, and more...

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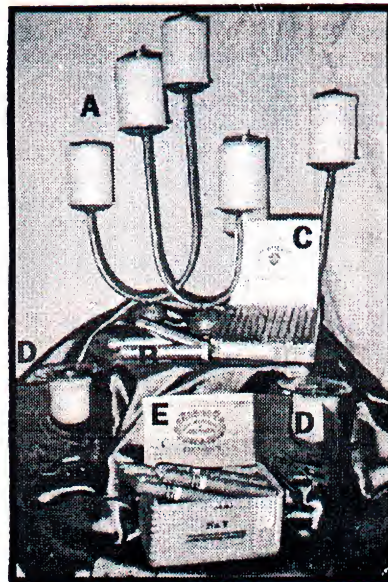
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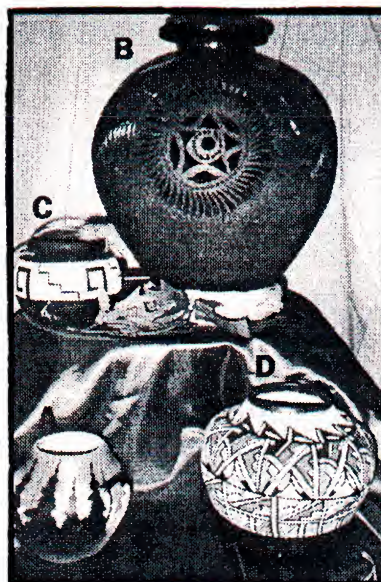
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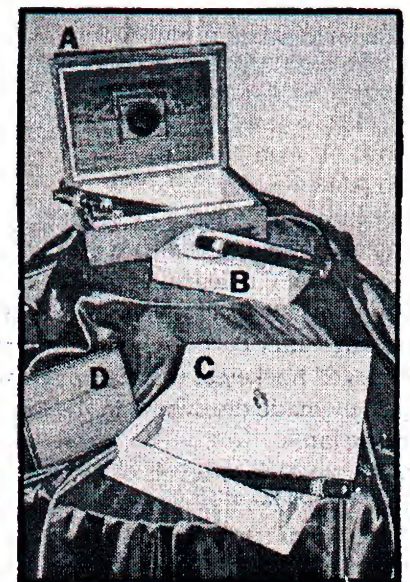


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Enthusiasm, teamwork keep tribal stores growing

New levels of enthusiasm, teamwork and caring for the customer have paid off big time for the Potawatomi Tribal Stores #1 and #2 in recent months.

"We have done a dynamite job of customer service," said Marilyn Trask-Morton, general manager of the two stores for the past few months. "We have a great management team and great associates."

That's a recurring theme for Morton, who came to the tribe last summer with advertising agency and Wal-Mart experience. Implementing some of the tricks of the trade she had learned in almost 20 years of marketing and merchandising experience, the brand-new Tecumseh store (#2) and the venerable original store at Hardesty and Gordon Cooper (#1) have new looks and new success stories.

Store #1 has a cleaned-up look, new merchandise and especially a new level of service. "Pumping gas here has been fabulous," Morton said. "We have had so many good comments." Until recently, customers pumped their own gas, but now enthusiastic young people do that for them, the old-fashioned way.

Store #2 is all new, and still changing. Tecumseh's smoke shop is fast becoming known statewide for its upscale specialty tobacco products and accessories, drawing customers from Edmond, Tinker Air Force Base, Seminole, Ada and even further away. Hard-to-find cigars, humidors and collectible pipes at 30-50 percent below normal retail prices are attracting a strong following.

Morton is capitalizing on that unique market by expanding the store's inventory to include specialty chocolates, gift baskets for Christmas, gourmet coffees, chocolate spoons for coffee and unusual gift items. Through word of mouth and advertising, including the HowNiKan, the store is already doing significant mail order business and expects to do more.

"Over the next couple of years, direct mail should blossom," Morton said.

She likes to keep things fresh and exciting in several ways. Monthly giveaways, such as turkeys at Thanksgiving and fresh, decorated Christmas trees, keep customers coming back. "We have better sales and more sales," she said, "as well as better quality and price. We merchandise hard. And we have a lot of fun."

There's an employee of the month program, and Morton tries to have dinner or do something fun with her staff regularly. "They're like my

kids," she said. The employees are sponsoring three families for Christmas, she said, collecting toys and food for them. "My associates care about each other and their customers," Morton said. "They have a lot of respect for themselves and for the customers. They feel good about their jobs. There's a difference in attitude."

Morton is particularly proud of her management team. "I can't say enough about them," she said. "Since we've been working as a management group, profits are up ... I believe in empowering the management team. I let them buy what they need, what they want, what they think will sell. There's always something new." But most importantly, they make decisions together. "I don't make individual decisions," Morton said. "We make a team decision on everything — new policies, financial information ... the management team has to know where we're going, and have goals."

"I've been wrong as many times as I've been right," she laughed. "They've kept me from making a lot of errors. I really lean on them as a team for good advice."

That team is made up of Sandy Hood, assistant manager at Store #1 and a nine year employee; Diana Dotson, also assistant manager at Store #1 and a ten year employee; Jonas Jacobs, shift supervisor at Store #1 and an employee for six months; Patricia Cline, location manager at Store #2 who has worked there about six months; Jeremy Hood, assistant manager at the Tecumseh store and a two year employee; and Sharon Collin, assistant manager at Tecumseh and a five year employee.

"We have a common goal that we will make money that will be put back into this tribe's programs," Morton said, noting that all but one of the management team are Native Americans. "We are very aware of government cuts, so we have to help keep programs going for the elders and others who need it. We take it real seriously."

Morton said about 45 associates are employees at the two locations in addition to the management team. The employees' efforts have really paid off,



Store No. 1 Employees Amid Various Tobacco Products



Store No. 2 Employees With Some Of The Specialty Gift Items

she said, with numbers "way up ... we've doubled our numbers in Tecumseh since July. Our customer count is up, and we're making more dollars per sale ... Things are structured better, and we have a tighter rein on finances," she said. "We know what we're spending."

The stores are busy places. At the main store, the first Friday of the month will typically mean 2,000 people in and out, Morton said. The newer, smaller Tecumseh store had 20,000 customers in September, an average of 666 a day. About half of those were drive-through, Morton said.

What's in the future? Maybe diesel gas, maybe 24-hour service, Morton speculates. But in the meantime, she, her management team and her associates are having a good time making money and keeping customers happy. "I enjoy making a profit," Morton said, "but I especially like working with people."

Morton enjoying new life in smaller town among her tribe

Marilyn Trask-Morton has jumped out of the fast lane and into small-town living with a vengeance.

After a high-energy career that included 16 years as executive officer of two advertising corporations and then three years with Wal-Mart, Morton came to the tribe last summer to run the tribal convenience stores — and reclaim her heritage.

"I traveled in 69 countries," she said. "Then my partner died, and I quit advertising." Most of those working years, including the Wal-Mart stint, were in big cities, but Morton was ready for a change. "I love small towns," said the new Tecumseh resident. "I moved here to work with the tribe ... it's

very, very important to me." Morton and her sons are enrolled members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

A native of Tulsa, Morton's parents still live there. But the single mother of two spends most of her time working and watching her sons play ball. Tony, 15, will play football for Tecumseh next year (he sat out this year because



of a knee problem). Later, she said, he wants study at the Sorbonne and become a chef. He is currently in training — read that working — at Fire Lake Restaurant.

Aaron, 10, was a member of the Tecumseh Youth Program's undefeated fourth grade football team which had an 11-0 record. Aaron's one ambition, which his mother says has been his fondest wish since he was four, is to play football for Notre Dame.

When she's not at a ball game, Morton finds time to bowl once a week on a team with Sheryl Barrett, Esther Lowden and Romona Melot, and reads two to three books a week — biographies, fiction, history, economics or whatever. She also enjoys needlepoint and sewing.



An Indian Thanksgiving

For everything you have given us, we thank you, Great Spirit!
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For all the waters above your heavens, we thank you, Great Spirit!
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For your sun and your moon, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all your stars, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For Mother Earth, we thank you, Great Spirit!
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For nights and days, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For light and darkness, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For thunder and lightning, we thank you, Great Spirit!
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For all things growing from Mother Earth, we thank you, Great Spirit!
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For seas and rivers, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all the water creatures, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all the winged creatures, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all the four legged creatures, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all our parents and grand parents, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all the children, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For all the old ones, we thank you, Great Spirit!
For everything you have given us, we thank you, Great Spirit!

*Adapted from the Canticle of the Three Young Men
The Kateri Catholic Indians of Denver, Colorado*

TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal Rolls staff attends Salt Lake conference

By Mary Farrell, Tribal Rolls

On September 6, Tribal Rolls Assistant Corena Underwood and myself flew to Salt Lake City, Utah to attend a two day conference on Native American Records — Use and Preservation.

The conference was sponsored by Brigham Young University and coordinated by Howard T. Rainer, Native American Education Outreach Program, and Robert L. Hales, Conferences and Workshops.

The welcome and keynote address on Thursday was by Larry Echohawk, former Idaho State Attorney General, who spoke on "The Voices of My Pawnee Ancestors."

The conference was very informative and we did learn that we are doing things right in our archives. We also learned that we are very advanced compared to some of the

tribes that were represented. There were representatives from Alaska, Canada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

On Friday, Dr. Janice Clemmer, a Native American lawyer and professor from Brigham Young, gave the keynote address on oral history and her ancestors.

Pat Smith, NaDine Timothy, Lynn Sharpe, Jimmy Parker and Sharon Carnahan from the Family History Library spoke on compiling family history for future generations.

There were several displays and of course I was most interested in the Potawatomi. They had an enlarged copy of one of the Potawatomi treaties hanging on the wall and also Pat Smith had researched the LaFromboise family and had a very interesting book on display.

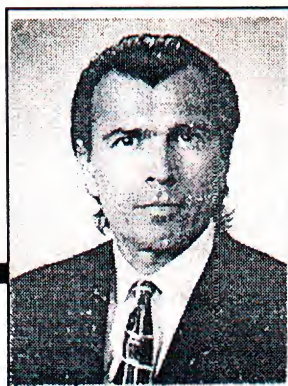
On Friday, Sharon Carnahan took us



to the Genealogy Library to look at their records. It is a very massive collection of microfilm and books.

All in all, it was a very informative conference and we met some new friends and hope to see them next year.

We were invited back and Robert L. Hales was so impressed with our progress and our record keeping that he invited me to speak at next year's conference, of which I feel very honored.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

Recently, the business committee of the tribe met in a retreat format to discuss and formulate overall plans as to the future direction of the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe. A conference facilitator was brought in to assist in the planning process. To my knowledge, this is the first time that the tribe has made such an effort. The participants thought that this planning session was time well spent and that the effort was long overdue.

The final product of this planning session was not a detailed blueprint or an itemized list of specific objectives. Rather, the time spent was focused on more general matters from which future actions will be derived. We focused on identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, trends and problems within and surrounding the tribe. In large part, it was a matter of articulating the economic, political and social environment within which the tribe exists. Secondly, by enumerating the overall strengths and weaknesses of the tribe — not to mention our *raison d'être* — we can then begin to focus upon a general direction for the tribe.

The *leit motif* of the planning process was clearly the delivery of more, better and expanded services to our members. These fell into three broad categories: education, health and cultural. Again and again, the business committee members stated their commitment to this goal. Our tribal population is one that is rapidly growing and geographically diverse. Accordingly, the needs of the tribe are manifold and the logistics of service delivery are somewhat daunting. Nonetheless, the committee members agreed that expanded and improved services and cultural preservation are paramount.

Of course, the attainment of this overarching goal will cost money. It is apparent that we can place little reliance upon Washington to provide the needed funds. These monies will need to be generated internally. With the existing enterprises that have been created over the past ten years we are already well on our way. Due in large part to the recent rapid growth of enrollment, more will need to be done to meet future needs. Thus, the identification of new market opportunities and new enterprise development will be our focus in the coming months.

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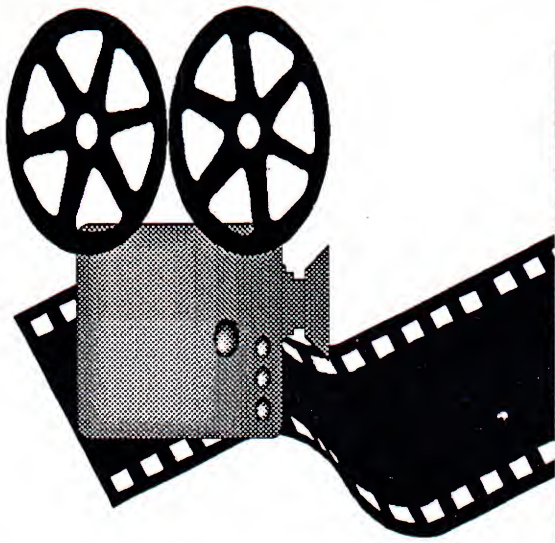
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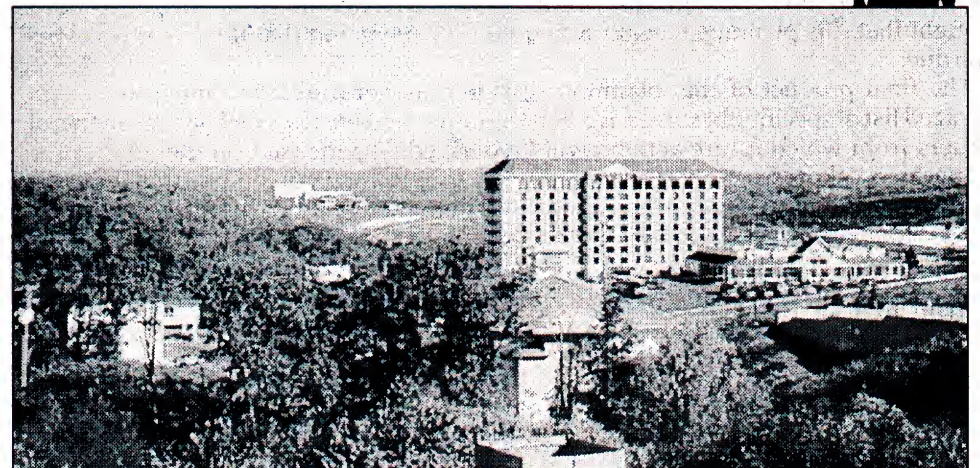


Twenty Citizen Band Potawatomi elders took a caravan of personal vehicles to Branson, Missouri, Oct. 17 for some fun and entertainment. Accompanied by program director Denise Lackey said the group saw the sights and enjoyed the music, including Presley's Jubilee and Mel Tillis. They even brought back a tape of the group with Mickey Gilley as a thank-you gift for the Business Committee, which paid for their motel rooms. Other expenses were covered with money raised through various Title VI projects. It was the second Branson excursion for the elders, and Lackey reported "an excellent time."



Two of the entertainers we enjoyed - Mickey Gilley and Charley Pride

We visited some of the local shops



Our view of Branson from the hotel window

And we toured some of the interesting sights.



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WASHINGTON

Bourzho from Seattle!

I apologize to you who have found it difficult to reach me lately. I have been in and out but have tried faithfully to return all messages left on my machine (if you called from Colorado Springs, I tried to return your call but was intercepted by the operator — I must have taken your number down incorrectly. Please call again).

Eric was hospitalized for 4 days mid-October. It turned out to be something which will correct itself but not knowing made it rough for a bit. He was then home for another week recuperating.

Just as he got back on his feet, Rhian (our daughter) and I left for a long-planned trip across the country. Our ultimate goal was Wounded Knee. I'll tell you next month if we made it (as I write, we are packing). We had worked on this trip for nearly two years and fortunately the doctor okayed us to take it. With Rhian planning to start college in January, timing was crucial.

Meanwhile, I had a call from Shirley Willard asking me to write something about the dedication of the Trail of Death marker in Indiana and what it means to me to participate in it. I made reference to this in an introduction to a poem I recently submitted to the HowNiKan. But I think I should expand on that paragraph a bit.

I have been confronted by those who say we should just forget the Trail. We should put away that part of the past and move on. They question why I even want to be a part of the commemorations. And to be honest, I haven't had a good answer for them. But this past April I finally began to understand why I have to be involved. In a way, I feel I have no control over it.

The workshop title led me to believe it was about working with children. I wasn't all that interested in the topic but the teacher was a Potawatomi woman from Canada whom I'd heard before and so I decided to sit in. Instead of the identified topic, Bea chose to talk about historical trauma, the trauma inherited by Indian children who themselves, or whose ancestors, attended boarding schools. She described it as a kind of post-traumatic stress affecting the children and the adults we see around us. And affecting us.

We witness its effect in the anger we see in Indian homes. We witness its effect in the abuse taking place there, the abuse which comes in many different shapes and forms. We witness it in families who don't know how to parent their children because they haven't been parented themselves. And we witness its effect in people who don't know who they are, who have lost their sense of self-awareness, their identity as Indian people.

As I pondered this, I realized that the trauma of removal produced much the same results. We often don't recognize it. We don't talk about it. We would like to sweep it under the carpet and pretend it didn't happen, that life is good and healthy.

But I've been out in the Indian community. I've heard the anger and the pain of women living in abusive homes, women abused and abusive. Women ashamed of themselves as Indian women, who see the Indian way as one of degradation, one of entrapment. And I have wondered why Indian people are often so ashamed. There are many answers, and none of them easy.

But I do believe that a part of the answer lies in removal and the boarding school experience. In being taught to deny your family, your heritage, your God. In being told so repeatedly that you are second- or third-class that you come to believe it.

For me, being part of the ceremonies, part of the Trail, part of the remembering, is a way of saying, "I am still here. I am your child and I haven't forgotten you. I honor you in my presence, my participation. I will carry your stories, your traditions forward. I take pride in you and, through you, in myself as an Indian woman." It's something of myself behind. It's also something I do for the Ancestors. I believe they know it and offer their guidance.

So I invite you to participate in the Trail. To attend a pow wow, a seven-band gathering, a language class when they're offered, a class in beading or proper ways of Potawatomi behavior. To "go home" as it were. And I respect that the way I choose is perhaps not the right way for you. I encourage you in your own way, on your own path. I ask only that you respect mine.

There are a couple of pow wows scheduled for the Seattle/Tacoma area, the biggest of which is the annual New Year's pow wow at Indian Heritage high school. Give me a call for times. I haven't forgotten the Anishinabe group, either. Any suggestions?

The Reverend Frank Love is now offering two worship services a month at Woodland Park United Methodist Church, N. 78th and Greenwood Ave. N. in Seattle. Worship is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 3 p.m. followed by a potluck. All are invited to attend. A traditional Talking Circle is offered the 4th Wednesday of each month — call me for exact dates and times — at the Pike Place Senior Center in Seattle. It begins with a potluck.

May all be well with you.

Susan Campbell

MIDWEST

Bourzho Nikon,

Things have been somewhat quiet here lately. I would like to remind everyone if you have an event or something newsworthy you would like to share, please let me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor and eulogize a very dear friend and brother. Michael Kindred passed away on October 12, 1995. He was a very special human being with a heart of gold. Throughout his life he was instrumental in helping the Native American people in so many ways. He had a great admiration and respect for the Indian people. My family had become so close to Michael that on February 5, 1993, we had adopted him into our family as our brother. We gave him the Indian name of "Good Heart" which was truly a summation of Michael's character.

Over the last two years he had helped out so much physically and financially and was instrumental in helping put on two of our local Potawatomi Pow Wows. He also

served on the board of directors for the Inter-tribal Indian Society here in Kansas City. I would like to quote Michael with one of his favorite toasts, "Here's to you, you and you, may each of you live to be one hundred and I one day less, for what would life be without you, you and you." We will forever love and remember Michael for the loving, caring and generous person he was.

Also a quote inspired by an Eskimo legend, "Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." I know Michael is happy.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season filled with much love and happiness, and may 1996 be your best year ever.

Megwetch,

Maryann Welch-Frank

REGIONAL REPORTS

NORTH TEXAS

Native American Heritage Month started in this area during the last part of October and will continue through November. Exhibits of Native American art will be held at various locations in Dallas throughout the month. I hope your area has had some special events as well. The 6th Annual American Indian Art Festival & Market was October 27-29 in Artist Square in the Dallas Arts District and organized by the American Indian Arts Council, Inc. My sister, niece, husband, and I attended. 150 American Indian artists were there—the only art market in the Southwest featuring artists whose tribal lineage has been documented. We enjoyed the event as we have in other years.

My husband and I attended the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas Third Annual Membership and Awards banquet which honors outstanding individuals and corporations to recognize their contributions to the American Indian Community. The speaker was Larry Echo Hawk, a Pawnee Indian, who presently is a law professor at Brigham Young University's J. Rueben Clark Law School. Prior to being a law professor, he had a long list of accomplishments including being Idaho's 30th Attorney General. I enjoyed hearing him speak of what we can do with our lives rather than the causes that we hear espoused so often. The American Indian Chamber of Commerce is an organization well worth looking into, especially if you own a business.

My niece Karin Kreager, who works at the Dallas Indian Center, tells me that the center is in need of twin size sheets and blankets for their facility. So, if you're looking for a place to give a gift, keep them in mind. The Center works with people who are trying to get their lives back on track and your help would be appreciated. A Native American friend here at the University has told me of an organization he is working with that would be of interest to any members in this area who are also students at UT Arlington. It is the Native American Student Association and if you are interested, you can contact Joe Pat Bohannon at 214-253-9347 or 817-273-2165. Hope your Thanksgiving was a time for thanks, lots of food and football. I'm sure ours will be. Next comes Christmas. Hope you have a blessed holiday with lots of miracles.

Marjorie Hobdy

Regional Council Schedule

This is the schedule for the remaining Regional Councils during the 1995-96 year:

Phoenix	Jan. 20
Southern California	Feb. 17
Kansas City	March 9
Northern California	Mar ch 30
Seattle	April 20
Eugene, Ore.	April 21
Austin, Texas	May 18
The annual Council in Shawnee will be held on June 29. The Pow Wow will begin on June 28 and run through June 30.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bouzho from Pasadena!

This has become one of the nicest Southern California autumns in memory. The weather's been cooperating and all has been relatively calm. As Christmas looms just ahead, it's nice to look around and take note of the signs of our changing seasons. But such signs are more subtle in this part of Turtle Island, and so require more contemplation to divine.

Exactly when Fall officially began this year is no mystery. Check your local almanac for details. But when it really began for me is not clear yet. I'm not sure if it was that drizzly Halloween night walking the boys around the neighborhood, or if it was one of those foggy mornings of November when the downspouts muttered their complaints. I think it may have been that day late last month when I first smelled oak burning in the crisp afternoon air. Southern California has its seasons, all right, and Autumn has definitely arrived.

It's easy to enjoy these months of family visits and home cooking. I hope your holidays are blessed with family members, and that your tables groan under the weight of bountiful feasts. A-ho.

Announcements

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Medical services are provided at the United American Indian Involvement the last Wednesday of each month. Call Mary Dickerson or Lenora Antore at (310) 920-7227

University of California Riverside has a Native American radio show every Thursday from 5-6 p.m. on station KUCR, FM 88.3. For more information, call Earl Sisto at (909) 787-4143

The LA Department of Health Services - Health and Faith Project provides training and technical assistance to American Indian religious organizations. For more information, call Danielle Glenn-Rivera at (213) 387-7810

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above. I've also got an up-to-date Indian Resource Directory put out by the Department of Health Services. There's a lot of information for assistance with substance abuse, drug and alcohol rehab, food and housing, and education.

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, with love for our brothers and sisters, and with hope for those who will follow. And may everyone we meet know at a glance how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

OREGON/IDAHO

Bourzho from Oregon/Idaho;

It is well into November now and I am wondering how you are doing with the new area code. They tell me that the reason for change was that by early 1996, Oregon would have run out of new telephone prefixes. So, to remedy the situation, they have added the new 541 area code to cover the largest geographic area of the state. Albany, Lincoln City, south to Ashland and Medford and east of Mount Hood Meadows to the Oregon border. The North West corner of the state including Portland, Salem and surrounding cities will get to keep the 503 area code. Our number here at the office will stay the same, 1-800-522-3744.

My congratulations to the Grand Ronde Tribe on the opening October 17th of their new Spirit Mountain Casino.

I have heard many favorable comments on how beautiful the building is and the employees' helpfulness and how friendly they are to everyone. I wish them good luck for their future success.

Warm Springs Family Planning Clinic wants to remind everyone that they are located in the basement of the Vern Jackson home. The Clinic is open every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 and services are not only available to their own tribal members, but to non-tribal members. So if you live in that area, you may take advantage of their services.

They offer a wide variety of services, including family planning exams, STD exams for men and women, birth control dispensing and counseling, emergency contraception and anonymous or confidential HIV/AIDS testing. Remember all services are confidential. Call 475-4456 for an appointment.

For this Thanksgiving or Christmas, try a Potawatomi recipe for "OGWISSIMAU N NO KIYA" or "Pumpkin Dough"

Wash and cut a ripe pumpkin and cook until soft enough to mash. Stir fresh pumpkin adding cornmeal to hot pumpkin to make a stiff dough. Form dough into small cakes and bake in dutch oven for about an hour. When it is brown enough for you, serve hot.

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste

Remember, you never stand as tall as when you bend to help someone in need.

REGIONAL REPORTS

SOUTHWEST

Bourzho from Phoenix,

Ooops! Time does fly and dead lines do come and if you are asleep at the switch, the train totally misses you. That is what happened last month. The 5th just popped up before I expected it to be here.

The word is our regional is January 20th. We are already working on it but if any of you have any suggestions, you have my telephone numbers. I will listen. Also our regional is occurring when the Super Bowl is having their activities and the City of Phoenix has asked the Tribal council to organize an "Old Fashioned Pow Wow" on the 20th, 26th and 28th of January and they would like to include nations all over the U.S. If anyone is interested I have the phone number to call for more information. It will not be a dance competition as I understand it. When I receive more information I will pass it on.

I really hope you will come to our regional if you possibly can. Remember to bring your genealogies and crafts to share with us all. It will be great to meet and get to know each other and possibly find family you were not aware of.

Something interesting has been happening

this month. It seems that my telephone number is next to the last phone number on the column and the Potawatomi from Texas read my number instead of the number for Marjorie Hobdy's and are calling me. I have really enjoyed the calls from all our family in Texas even if they had called me by mistake!

Here we go into the Thanksgiving holiday again. We all have so much to be thankful for all year but we seem to lose sight of the fact until all of a sudden Thanksgiving is here and we sit down to count our blessings. We really should do that all year long. If we look each day is a blessing and as we enter into this holiday season, I'm sure many of you have a lot to be thankful for.

I still have health and education enrollment forms if any one needs them. Or if any of you just want to chat, I'll lend an ear.

Smile, believe in miracles, hope, grow, treasure golden moments and have a wonderful turkey day with all the trimmings!

Until next month.

Megwetch,

Philonise Williams

SOUTH TEXAS

Bourzho from Southeast Texas!

Holidays already! Where has this year gone?

We have been blessed with both elders and grandchildren since my last letter to you. They bring so much joy, and some lessons we need to learn as well.

Lessons do not always come from the elders. Sometimes little ones speak great truths. Haven't you experienced that? It's good to remember to pay close attention to the little ones. They can be teachers too, and if you listen well, you sure know what is on their minds!

We are looking forward to the holiday season. We will have lots of grandchildren with us then, some we haven't seen for a long while. It will be a time of love and the counting of

blessings for us.

And we will remember some dear ones we've lost as well. It's helpful to know they walk the next path in the same good way they walked here on this one.

We hope all of you are walking safely on your daily paths, that Grandfather is good to you, and that we meet you along the way this season and have time to share a moment to catch up on your news and you have lots of love and joy this time of year. It sure brightens these long winter days to share with each other.

Call me if I can be of help to you, or if you just want to talk. Keep well.

Wa Wa'Nah

Lu Ellis

DENVER

Greetings from Denver,

November 1 was the "kickoff" of American Indian Heritage Month, a time for all Native Americans to celebrate their culture and traditions.

Since the beginning of November, I've heard of numerous conferences, celebrations, programs, and pow wows. On November 11, I was asked to help with "Family Wellness Day," a health and education program, sponsored by the Denver Indian Health Service. The annual Veterans Pow Wow is scheduled that same weekend.

Many of the Denver metro area book stores are focusing on Indian art, literature, religion, statistics, landmarks, history, people and a va-

riety of children's stories, most within a reasonable price range.

I was most proud of my Potawatomi heritage when I received my "Anniversary Issue of Native American Art Magazine." I found to my great delight a fellow Potawatomi, the late Woody Crumbo, was among the list of honored artists.

At this time of the year, I also like to quietly contemplate not only my own Indian-ness, but what I can do to help my family and others know, understand, and be proud of our beautiful Potawatomi history.

Until next time,

Peace be to you all.

Penny Bishop

THEY WONDER WHY

Where are the birds? Where are the trees?
Is this a life, nothing but cities?

I look down beneath my feet where the grass use to be
and all I see is the cold hard concrete.

I close my eyes and feel the soft warm breeze,
I can picture our rugged, rough teepees.
I smell the smoke from our fires
and see the pride in our warriors.

But now there are no teepees there is no smoke .
Our warriors now have tears in their eyes
watching as their pride dies.

Our children will pay the price
because the white man wouldn't think twice.

I close my eyes again
and can see the buffalo roaming the range.
They were our friend, our food, and our clothing.

They were not our enemy.
The freedom they possessed was our freedom.

I can see the Eagle in the sky
watching over our great lands,
like a sent spirit watching over her children.
Then slowly one by one
like raindrops out of the sky.
Our friends, our food, our life,
we watched slowly die
and the white man wonders why?

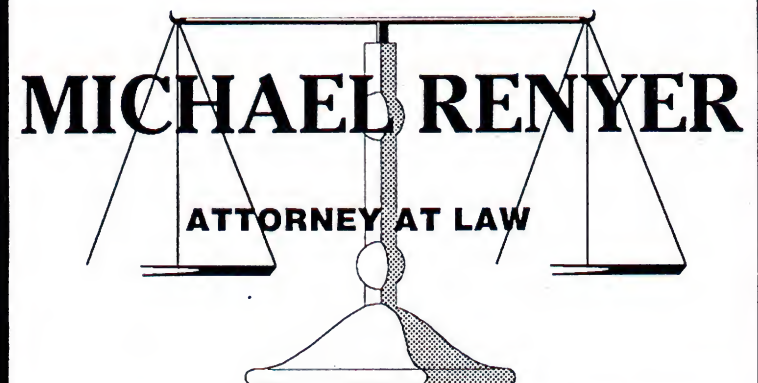
We left our lands to make peace.
We gave up our homes, our lives.
We were tired of the fighting, watching our children die.
Hearing them at night with a bullet pierced in their side,
asking Mother and Father why?
Seeing the fear in the child's eye,
and the white man still wonders why?

We were at peace with our land.
She gave us food when we were hungry,
shelter when we were cold,
trees that our Mother Earth was still alive.

And now the white man wonders why the
land is not the same. Now tell me who is to blame.

To the one who said "The white man is our friend"
this story will never end!

Retha J. Ogee



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Session helps tribal leaders plan for the future

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all these categories," Colbert said, "was to establish a goal of being able to deliver a wider variety of services to more tribal members, both in the immediate area and those living away." Specific areas for more services might include health, education, social services and cultural identity programs, he said. "We recognize that it takes money to do that, and we concluded that we will have to do it ourselves ... we'll have to make more from the income producing side. We need to expand and improve existing enterprises and look at new opportunities."

Another area that could be improved is public relations, Colbert said, especially in the area of "educating the public about the relationship of the tribe with the community." He said they talked about employing a marketing/public relations person to help with that task. Better relationships with tribal members across the country is also a goal, he said. "We talked about modifying the existing governmental structure to increase tribal participation in government affairs, perhaps through some



Chairman Barrett, Right, Thanks Facilitator Lon Doolin For His Work



Committeeman Hilton Melot, Standing, And Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale Go Over Notes

kind of legislative body."

Increased emphasis on the language program and on ways to teach traditions to younger tribal members was also listed

as a goal, Colbert said.

"The meeting was more of a general overview," the administrator said, "sort of a broad canvas. We will be more



Administrator J.D. Colbert Writes Down Some Of The Many Ideas Presented During The Session



Committeeman Jerry Motley, Colbert Listen Intently To The Far-Ranging Discussion

specific in coming months, when we will be defining and implementing some of the ideas. Much of that will be an executive function that Bob and

I will be attending to."

Colbert praised Doolin for the "good job" in directing the session.

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POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

Tribal members attend dedication of Trail of Death marker

About 90 people attended the dedication of the Trail of Death historical marker Sept. 16, 1995, at the Rochester, Indiana, Courthouse lawn, including several members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi and descendants of the Trail of Death.

The new marker has a boulder from each of the four states crossed by the Trail of Death, the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians from northern Indiana to Kansas in 1838. It also has a map and plaque on a wooden post.

Bill Wamego Jr., Tulsa, OK, began with a pipe ceremony in memory of his father, William O. Wamego, who is named in the plaque as one who rode a horse-drawn jail wagon through Rochester in 1988 to commemorate the Trail of Death marchers who actually walked single file on Rochester's Main Street Sept. 5, 1838.

Shirley Willard, president of Fulton County Historical Society, was master of ceremonies and introduced each speaker.

Steve Hartzler, president of the Fulton County Commissioners, welcomed the Indians and guests to Fulton County, and Mayor Ed Fansler welcomed them to Rochester.

Mike Smith, representative in the Indiana Legislature, spoke of the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail resolution which Tom Weatherwax sponsored. Weatherwax was unable to attend because of his son's wedding.

Mrs. Willard thanked the Indiana Historical Society and county historical societies through which the Trail of Death passed in 1838: Marshall, Fulton, Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, and Warren. Also Pulaski and Kosciusko County Historical Societies supported the Regional Historic Trail because Indians from their counties were on Trail of Death too.

Tom Hamilton, Leesburg, IN, Citizen Band Potawatomi, told about his ancestor, Abram Burnett, who was on Trail of Death. Hamilton designed the map and plaque on his computer.

Dr. George Godfrey, Lawrence, KS, Citizen Band Potawatomi, told about efforts to get more markers on the Trail of Death across Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. All these markers are

erected by donations and not from tax money. Several Boy Scouts have earned their Eagle awards by placing Trail of Death historical markers.

Susan Campbell, Seattle, WA, Citizen Band Potawatomi, told about her ancestor, Che-saw-gan, who was on the Trail of Death. She read a poem she had written. She introduced other descendants of Che-saw-gan: Deb McPherson, Fairport, New York; Leo Nadeau, Soldier, KS; and the Wamego family. They are also members of the Louis Vieux family that were the honored guests at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival that weekend.

Bill Wamego Jr., Citizen Band Potawatomi, introduced his brother Robert and sisters Carmelita Skeeter, Jeannie Van Veen, Rosemary Massey, Suzie Dover, Lisa Bruce, and niece Echo Tiger.

George and Michele Schricker and son Ezra, Plymouth, sang a song George had written about Menominee, the Potawatomi Chief who would not sign the treaty nor sell his land. Michele did the chorus sign language and encouraged the audience to join in. Robert Pearl, Parma Heights, OH, Citizen Band Potawatomi, told what happened to them after they got to Kansas, that they stayed 10 years at the Sugar Creek Mission where Sister Rose Philippine Duchesne taught them and became known as She Who Prays Always. In 1848 they moved farther west to St. Marys, Kansas, and in 1861 became the Citizen Band and moved to Oklahoma. In 1988 Philippine Duchesne was declared a saint, the first female saint west of the Mississippi River.

Other Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians who attended were Chuck Godfrey, Dearborn Heights, MI, and Danny Ferris and his sister, Buchanan, MI.

Small red cloth pouches of tobacco were passed out to all present so they could take part in blessing the marker.

"It is our sincere hope that many people will travel the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail and take time to stop by the markers and pray for peace between all the races of mankind, especially between the white men and the Indians," said Mrs. Willard.



Potawatomi "TRAIL OF DEATH"

Indiana to Kansas, September 4 - November 4, 1838

On September 5, 1838, nearly 850 Potawatomi Indians marched single file through Rochester on the forced removal from Indiana to Western Territory (Kansas). Three chiefs were transported in a jail wagon: Menominee, Black Wold, and Pepinewa. There were 286 horses and 26 wagons. Included were many Indians from Fulton County: Chief Wamego and people from his village, Chieftess Mas-saw, Iowa, and Pawk-shuk, son of deceased Chief Aubbeenaubbee.

The first night they camped at Cheppeway on the Tippecanoe River. The next morning 51 Indians were left there due to sickness and lack of a way to transport them. The second night they camped at Mud Creek six miles south of Rochester, where the first death occurred, a child. Wagons were sent back to Cheppeway to bring the sick.

While marching through Rochester, the Indians formed a line a mile long. Sympathetic white settlers gave them hoe-cakes for the trip. A little boy, nine-year-old Billy Ward, followed his Indian friends, wanting to go along, but his mother caught up with him a mile south of Rochester and took him home.

Water was scarce, roads choked with dust. Over 40 deaths were recorded on the trek to Kansas. Father Benjamin Petit, who accompanied them, died before he could return to Indiana. His body was later brought back for burial at Notre Dame in South Bend. The conductor was William Polke, Fulton County's first white settler. He and Father Petit tried to help the Indians, but typhoid was killing the white people too in the villages they passed, and there was no medicine. They arrived at what is now Osawatomi, KS on Nov. 4, taking 61 days to travel 660 miles.

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INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

Petitions protest filming of movie about Crazy Horse

(From *Indian Country Today*, Oct. 12, 1995) — Petitions are circulating on the Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations and in Rapid City to prevent anyone from making a movie about the Lakota warrior Crazy Horse.

Manson Garreaux, a Miniconjou descendant of Ta'sunke Wit'ko (Crazy Horse) residing in Eagle Butte, drafted the petition. He said the recent filming of a movie about Crazy Horse for Turner Network Television upset him and other descendants.

"Crazy Horse" is the fifth film in a series about historic American Indian leaders by TNT. It completed filming last week near Hot Springs, S.D.

"As one of the descendants, I thought it was wrong to make a story about (Crazy Horse) because in reality he never did have a photo made of him," Mr. Garreaux said.

He said the TNT movie has "the same old Hollywood stereotyping" and that it will provide children with an

Cherokees adopt gaming resolution

(From *The Cherokee Advocate*, November 1995) — The Cherokee Nation Tribal Council passed a resolution to adopt an act relating to Cherokee Nation Class III Gaming during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 16.

The resolution will allow Principal Chief Joe Byrd and/or his designee be authorized to sign documents and take the actions required to permit Class III Gaming as defined by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) on Indian land under the jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

"Although we are not pursuing or advocating Class III Gaming at this time, it is important to have rules and regulations to follow if and when the State of Oklahoma permits gaming such as those found in the Class III Indian Gaming Act," said Chief Byrd.

Three additional resolutions relating to the Loyal Shawnee Band, who are members of the Cherokee Nation to pursue Class III gaming with an individual Loyal Shawnee Band members in the State of Kansas, were tabled by the tribal council for further clarification.

inaccurate view of history.

Individuals signing the petition are saying the entertainment industry as a whole should be barred from depicting the life of Crazy Horse.

"We ... affix our signatures to this petition, expressing our indignation and that we are adamantly opposed to any and/or all entertainment companies (sic) attempted portrayal of our ancestor Ta'sunke Wit'ko (Crazy Horse) for monetary gain," the petition says.

Mr. Garreaux said he believes that the U.S. Commerce and Trade Lanham Act can be used by descendants in a court of law to protect the privacy rights of their ancestor. He said a precedent has been set with a Rosebud Tribal Court ruling reaffirming the right to privacy in the Crazy Horse Malt Liquor issue.

"The petitions will be turned

over to an attorney, and there's a pretty good chance they will go into federal court," he said.

"We will not ask for any monetary damages. We'll just ask that the film itself be trashed."

Mr. Garreaux expects to collect petitions with the signatures of about 400 people on the Cheyenne River Reservation alone.

"The numbers don't really matter," he said. "We just want to get a good cross section of the Lakota Tiospaye (family)".

Joe Byrd named to national panel

Newly-elected Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Joe Byrd was recently appointed to the Planning Committee of the National Indian Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

According to W. Ron Allen, co-chairman of the Committee, Byrd was elected unanimously by the committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Chief Wilma Mankiller.

In other business, Allen said the committee was informed that funding under the existing agreement will allow a six-month extension of its file, and that a hearing on a bill to establish a successor organization, the American Indian Policy Information Center, may be held next month. The Committee also called for a re-examination of the role of the Center's computer resources and the establishment of guidelines for the review of commissioned research.

The Policy Center is engaged in providing policy related information to tribal and other governments, commissioning research, and sponsoring Indian

policy forums. It is supported through a cooperative agreement between the George Washington University and the Administration for Native Americans.

All tribal governments receive a weekly memorandum from the Center describing current Indian policy developments and identifying policy related publications. The Center's most recent major publication was a study of the implementation of the Clean Water Act by tribal governments.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to establish an American Indian Policy Information Center as a successor to the existing demonstration project.

The office of the Policy Center was recently moved to 2021 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

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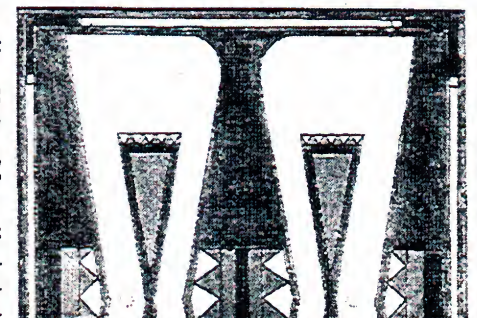
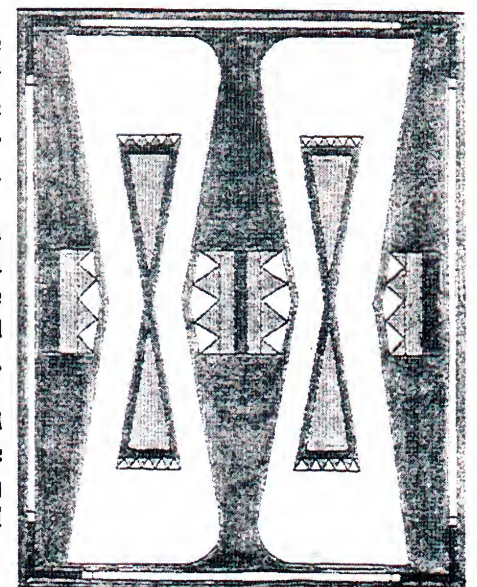
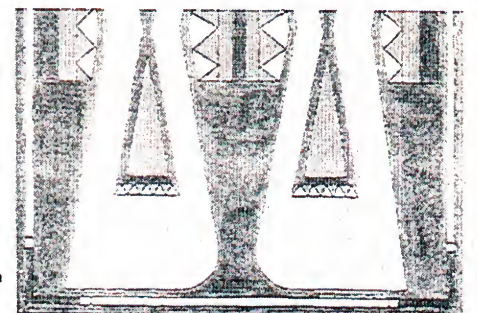
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Election will propose changing scholarship guidelines

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the tribe was concerned about middle-class students who come from families with incomes from \$16,000 to about \$50,000 a year. Those who earn less are eligible for federal Pell Grants, he said, and those who earn more presumably are able to pay for their children's educations. "It was the guy between \$16,000 and \$50,000 who couldn't educate his children," Davis said.

Committee members agreed that the thrust of the plan was to make aid available to students who failed to qualify for Pell Grants, a form of federal assistance available to all students on a financial need basis.

Herndon told the committee that secretarial elections are governed by special election commissions and that Joe LaReau has already agreed to serve as a commissioner. Bob Jones, Shawnee Agency BIA supervisor, is automatically on the three-man board. "We need one more," he said, adding that the BIA preferred that one of the commissioners be a member of the business committee. Vice Chairman Linda Capps volunteered and was appointed as the third election commissioner.

"We've got to get a commitment from the Business Committee for money," Herndon said, estimating that first-round postage alone will come to about \$18,000. The committee voted 5-0 to authorize spending \$25,000 on the election.

"I'm sure the business committee is well aware of the effect this will have on the tribe moneywise," Herndon said. He estimated that there are more than 4,100 tribal members between 18 and 30 years of age and if only 100 students are funded at \$500 a se-



Business Committee At Nov. 27 Meeting. Chairman John Barrett Is At The Left, Vice Chairman Linda Capps (Back To Camera) Is To His Right, And Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis Sits Across From Capps. That's Marian Flanagan, The Newest Member Of The Grievance Committee, Listening In The Background.

mester, it will cost more than \$100,000 a year. "That's 20 percent of one percent of the eligible applicants," Herndon said.

"We need to start thinking about funding annuities along with scholarships," said Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.

Barrett asked Herndon how much interest the tribe is earning on the scholarship money under a BIA program. Herndon said it was about 5 percent. Barrett said once the tribe could invest its own funds, that figure could be increased. First National Bank & Trust Co., the tribally owned bank, is getting about six and a half percent, he said. Barrett also asked how much money is in the

scholarship principal fund and Herndon said it is about \$700,000.

Before leaving the scholarship discussion, Herndon advised the committee to put a cap on the total amount of money which could be distributed in any given year.

Noting that more than 9,000 members — about half the tribe — signed up for the burial program, Barrett said members who died after Sept. 1 were covered. However, committee members noted there was some confusion and applications had been made on deaths which occurred before Sept. 1. The program pays \$1,000 in burial expenses to covered tribal members after application

is made and a death certificate is furnished. The committee approved all documented applications for persons who have died since Sept. 1 and decided that checks should be made jointly to the funeral home and the individual responsible for making the arrangements. That will guard against fraud by making it impossible to cash the checks without the signatures of both parties.

The committee went back over its resolutions and printed notices in the *HowNiKan* to make certain Sept. 1 was the intended date. When the program was first offered, plans were to make it effective as of Jan. 1, 1995, if 75 percent of tribal members signed

up. When it became plain after months of campaigning that the 75 percent level would never be reached, the Business Committee changed the plan and made the benefit available effective Sept. 1, 1995, to those who had applied. Barrett and Capps led committee members in expressing regrets that the families of tribal members who died before Sept. 1 would not receive the \$1,000.

The committee authorized Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert and Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale to investigate insurance programs to cover the burial program.

In other action, the Business Committee:

- Voted to hold proposed amendments to the tribal tort reform ordinances to give members time to study the legislation and confer with tribal attorneys. The ordinances were intended to limit actual and punitive damages in tribal court in an attempt to make tribal land more attractive to businesses. Barrett told the committee that some portions of the old law are controlled by Oklahoma legislation and that needs to be changed.

- Authorized Barrett and Colbert to meet with Pottawatomie County officials about the increase in property taxes on the First National Bank & Trust property on MacArthur Street in Shawnee. Barrett said the tribe ought to be making payments in lieu of taxes rather than actual tax payments. The assessment went up markedly after the bank erected a new building.

- Approved a grant application for a three-year renewal of programs funded by the Older Americans Act. The committee was told the tribe has been administering these programs for 10 to 15 years.

Red Earth film, video contest deadline is Dec. 31

Entries are being accepted through Dec. 31, 1995 for the 1996 American Indian Film & Video Competitions sponsored by Red Earth, Inc. and the State Arts Council of Oklahoma. The competition is designed to recognize film and video productions which preserve and portray the Native American way of life — past, present and future.

"The American Indian Film & Video Competition attracts entries from both Indian and non-Indian film producers," said Christy Alcox, Red Earth Executive Director, "and has gained a national reputation for honoring entries that focus on

Native American issues."

Competition guidelines require entries to focus on American Indian history, arts, culture, myths, social issues or evolving visions. Awards are presented in 10 categories including feature film/drama; documentary - art/artist profile; documentary - short; documentary - long; experimental/music video; animation; promotional/informational; broadcast journalism; student/amateur; and children (14 and under).

All winners and special merit recipients will be featured during the ninth annual Red Earth Winter Expo scheduled Feb. 2-4, 1996 at the Red Earth Indian Center, 2100 NE 52nd

Street in Oklahoma City. An awards ceremony and film festival will be conducted during the 1996 Red Earth Festival scheduled June 7-9, 1996 in downtown Oklahoma City.

"Each entry will be viewed and awarded by judges of regional and national reputation," said Patrick Whelan, competition chairman. "Winners and top finalists will receive special awards created with Oklahoma's official Allan Houser Medallion."

Awards will be presented for Best Direction by an American Indian, Best Made in Oklahoma production, Best Environmental Production, and Best Childrens Program. The Will Sampson

Award is awarded to the entry deemed "Best of Show".

Entries must be submitted on one-half inch VHS tape, and must not have been previously entered into the competition. All entries will become part of the permanent collection in the Red Earth Indian Center Library.

Entries should be mailed to the 1996 American Indian Film & Video Competition, Red Earth, Inc., 2100 NE 52nd Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73111. Brochures detailing all entry requirements can be obtained by calling (405) 427-5228 or (405) 521-2931.